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✓ 1. [] Talked further with Bob Smart, who indicated Chairman Vinson could not meet with us on 26 July, and I advised him that the Director now had a special meeting on the 27th. Consequently, we are looking now to possible dates of either 30 or 31 July or 9 or 10 August. Smart will advise on this.

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2. [] Thomas E. Keena, of Representative Emilio Q. Daddario's office (D., Conn.), telephoned saying again that Daddario was much interested in meeting with Mr. McCone to discuss the concept of a joint committee on intelligence. He indicated that what had brought this to the Congressman's mind again was the fact that an individual in Connecticut is currently circulating a petition, and has some 7,000 signatures, dealing with the imprisonment by the Chinese communists of John Downey. Mr. Keena readily accepted an explanation that Mr. McCone had been extremely busy and on various trips. However, he still hoped that a meeting could be arranged, and I said I would do what I could.

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3. [] Walt Elder advised that the Director had visited with Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.) for approximately one-half hour. At the conclusion the Director advised Elder that it had been agreed between the Director and the Senator that the Agency would not appear before Senate Preparedness. Mr. Elder agreed that it would now be appropriate for us to recontact the staff and apprise them of the above. We will be in touch with James T. Kendall on this.

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